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IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER

NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER, THE FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE AND HAMILTON WILL BE PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON AT 2 : 30.

For reasons considered sufficient, a clause was incorporated in the contract when made last February, providing for a large forfeit in case of cancellation by either management. St. Lawrence will not cancel, and it would be unwise for us to do so in view of the fact that Colgate plays today; for if we do not play we shall be, in the opinion of the coach and captain, greatly handicapped next Saturday. Therefore, the game will be played.

ALL MEN IN COLLEGE ARE ASKED TO COME OUT ON THE GRIDIRON WHENEVER THEY FIND TIME THIS MORNING TO HELP CLEAR THE FIELD OF SNOW.

The game will be played—which is another way of saying no Hamilton man should leave the Hill this afternoon. The covered grandstand will hold us, and there will be a good opportunity for cheering practice, Football practice, and practice in winning victories. Be there !

The line-up this afternoon will be:

ST. LAWRENCE		HAMILTON
MacCormack		Roenke
	Right End	
Quinn		Drummond
	Right Tackle	
Whittaker		Wisehart
	Right Guard	
Olds		Thomas (Capt.)
	Center	
Stone		Glover
	Left Guard	
Logan		Baldwin
	Left Tackle	
Weld		Leavenworth
	Left End	
Spencer		McGovern
	Quarterback	
R. Calder		Welch
	Right Halfback	
A. Calder		Knox
	Left Halfback	
Morgan		Getman
	Fullback	

THE RUTGERS GAME

Hamilton was defeated by Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J., last Saturday by the score of 5-4. Yet with the possible exceptions of the Cornell and Syracuse contests, the game last Saturday was, from the view-point of ability, the most satisfactory thus far this season. The team, tho outweighed tremendously, gained more ground actualy than their opponents. But that is not the chief source of satisfaction. Every Rutgers man who saw that game will ever look back upon Hamilton's action therein as a rare example of true sportsmanship. The respect for the fair name of Hamilton that these eleven men instilled in the seven hundred spectators far eclipsed any respect that a victory could have created. This is the story. In the second half, when Rutgers' weight was beginning to tell on Hamilton, Drummond punted the ball from our 30-yard line. Uncaught it rolled toward the side-line. Roenke fell on it. The referee's whistle blew, and accordingly Roenke was about to get up when Corbin covered the ball. The Field Judge, who was standing there, told the Referee, who came running down the field, that it was Hamilton's ball, first down. However, in spite of the rule-book, which states that the Field Judge 'shall relieve the Referee of some of his duties in his part of the field,' and that 'he shall have, as assistant to the Referee, jurisdiction over the ball when it has been kicked down the field'—in spite of all this the Referee ignored the decision of the Field Judge, contraverting it to 'Rutgers' ball, first down.' Our men, realizing that the Referee was appointed by the Central Board, graciously accepted his decision.

It is a pleasure to say that the Rutgers men did not approve of the reversal. The Field Judge was helpless to right the wrong on account of the superior jurisdiction of the major official, tho afterwards he announced that the Referee's decision was without base. The Rutgers manager apologized for the unfortunate decision as he also did for the other even more patent mistake of the Referee. Sidle, on an end run in the second half, ran thru the Rutgers team for 45 yards, placing the ball on Rutgers' 15-yard line. Being finally tackled, the Referee's whistle blew and the teams started to line up when the Referee announced a 15-yard penalty for Hamilton on the grounds of holding. Thus, we lost 60 yards in one penalization, justified by the assertion that Getman, 155 pounds, had held Alverson, 230 pounds.

About fifty Hamilton men were present. They hardly outyelled the three hundred Rutgers constituents, but their support suggested an intensity of spirit that Rutgers emulated. It was small college against small college. The highest courtesy existed between the factions of rooters, and the game was clean and sportsmanlike. Between the halves—the score standing 4-0 in Hamilton's favor—the Rutgers rooters formed a huge human R

on the gridiron and rendered their Alma Mater "On the Banks of the Old Raritan." The diminutive Hamilton H sang "Carissima" with a zest that contradicted the white hair of the majority in line.

Rutgers played purely straight football. They were singularly successful in this by virtue of their weight. Capt. Corbin, at halfback, played an excellent line-smashing game. Hamilton's play was extensively varied. The plays were all excellent, and their execution showed an improvement that is promising. Sidle played Hamilton's best game. McGovern showed improvement at quarterback running the plays with good generalship. Drummond was a stonewall while he lasted, and his drop-kick gave us our score. Roenke also showed improvement. Generally, the game was full of promise for the remaining contests.

The game:

Hamilton won the toss and chose to defend the north goal. Steinke kicked off to Leavenworth, who returned the ball to the 40-yard line. McGovern made 20 yards on a quarterback run around left end. Mitchell made 3, Sidle 4, and Drummond punted 45 yards to Corbin, who returned it 10 yards, to their 40-yard line. Read and Corbin made two first downs on plunges and Rutgers succeeded in an on-side kick. More plunges carried the ball to our 20-yard line, where Thomas covered a fumble by Smith. An end-back and a skin-tackle play were unsuccessful, so Drummond punted. Smith fumbled the punt, but recovering it ran 20 yards, being finally tackled by Sidle after a long dive. The impact was so severe that both went out. However, after two minutes, they pluckily resumed the game. Welch cornered an unsuccessful forward pass to Beekman. Mitchell and Sidle made first down on plunges, but McGovern fumbled. Rutgers' ball. Hamilton held for downs. Alverson punted to Sidle, who ran it back to the middle of the field. Welch ran around right end for 15 yards. Leavenworth made 20 on a forward pass. A repetition gave Rutgers the ball on her 4-yard line. Alverson punted to McGovern. Sidle and Welch carried the ball to the 9-yard line, where Rutgers held us for third down. Drummond dropped back and drop-kicked a goal. Score, 4-0 in favor of Hamilton.

Steinke kicked off, but the ball striking Thomas rolled back to Steinke, who covered it. Hamilton held and Rutgers was forced to punt. Baldwin secured the punt, which was blocked by a Rutgers' man. Time up.

Drummond kicked off to Corbin, who ran the ball back 15 yards. Plunges by him and Leslie brought the play to the center of the field, where, being held, Alverson punted. Welch gained 15 yards. McGovern slipped during a quarterback run and lost5. Sidle made the long run of 45 yards, which was disallowed—penalized to our 15-yard line. Drummond punted. Roenke fell on the ball. This was the play in which the referee overruled the field judge's decision. Rutgers being given the ball, Leslie and Corbin alternately plunged an average of 5 yards a play for three first downs. Hamilton held. Leavenworth punted but adverse wind made punt of short distance. Smith covered the kick. More plunges to our 25-yard line. Hamilton held. Alverson tried drop-kick without success. Our ball on our 8-yard line. Welch made 10 yards around end. Drummond taken out and Wheeler substituted. Knox went in in Sidle's place. Delayed end around failed thru McGovern's lack of weight and consequent inability to put out Alverson, 230 pound left tackle. Leavenworth kicked; then by steady line plunges Rutgers went 40 yards in six plays for a touchdown. Leslie carried the ball over. Rutgers failed to kick the goal. Score, Rutgers 5, Hamilton 4.

Shortly after the kick off the whistle blew, with the ball in Rutgers' possession in the middle of the field.

RUTGERS		HAMILTON
Booze		Leavenworth
	Left End	
Alverson		Baldwin
	Left Tackle	
McMichael		Wisehart
	Left Guard	
Babcock		Thomas
	Center	
Freystadt		Glover
	Right Guard	
Steinke		Drummond
	Right Tackle	
Beekman		Roenke
	Right End	
Smith		McGovern
	Quarterback	
Corbin (Capt.)		Sidle
	Left Halfback	
Read		Welch
	Right Halfback	
Leslie		Mitchell
	Fullback	

Touchdown, Leslie; Drop Kick, Drummond; Substitutes, Cloke for Booze, Rogers for Beekman, Carpenter for Smith, Cooper for Corbin, Knox for Sidle, Getman for Mitchell. Referee, Sigman, of Lafayette; Umpire, Thorne, of Haverford. Field Judge, Tenny, of Princeton. Timekeepers, Fisher, of Rutgers; Thompson, Hamilton, '06. Head linesman, Green. Time of halves, 25 minutes.

—The Theological Club met at the home of Dr. Ibbotson Friday evening. The Book of Ecclesiastes was studied. Baum, '09, acted as leader.

—The Latin Club met Friday in the Hall of Languages. The study of La' Bio-Velans and Fricatives was taken up.

—Last Monday after Chapel the Junior Class elected a Debating Team composed of: Dounce (Capt.), Sherwin and Judson. An alternate will be chosen later.

—Judson, '08, was on the Hill early in the week. He is studying law at Harvard, and reports a thriving Hamilton community there. A Hamilton Club has been organized with these members: Driscoll, '06, Day and Jerome, '07, Judson and Fitch, '08, Branch, ex-'08, and Morris, ex-'09. All of these are in the Law School, with the exception of Branch and Morris, who are pursuing the regular Literary course.

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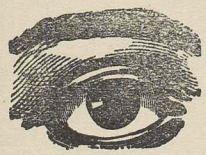

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A COLLEGE DINNER in Commons Hall is planned for Friday next, the eve of the Colgate game. It need not be urged that every man in College shall attend this final rally, for there, if ever, we are to atone for the lamentable lack of supporting spirit which has stigmatized the whole of the season. We can imagine no excuse for non-attendance less vital than severe illness; *the man who would absent himself because the function happened to clash with his personal convenience or pleasure is morally "yellow" in the very worst sense.* A victory over Colgate is scarcely to be counted on, but the cause of defeat, if such be the outcome, *must be narrowed by elimination to the fact of a superior opponent, and must be in no way left attributable to a lack of spirit in Hamilton men, players or partisans.* The gathering of the College for a Commons rally is always one of the bright spots of the term, and at this time of greatest need it becomes the duty of every man of us to endorse this dinner with his presence and enthusiasm, and, while promoting its success, *to do all that he possibly can* for the team and for the College.

WHEN THE CHAPEL BELL tolled for thirty minutes on that warm Friday noon last June, its message was somewhat of a surprise to us. "Jim" Sherman, '78, overwhelmingly nominated for Vice-President by the Republican Convention at Chicago! Who had expected it? The astonishment, however, lay in the fact that we were not accustomed to being thus honored. But it was no surprise to receive the returns of Tuesday. We knew that an acquaintance meant a vote to "Jim" Sherman, and that no man could better make acquaintances. His oratorical power, his knowledge of both the theory and practice of law, government and economics made his election certain. The telegrams he received in congratulation suggested the powerful friendship of innumerable powerful friends, and that is what makes for greatness. He is a known quantity, and a big quantity. And we hopefully fear that that chair at the head of the Senate will not be sufficiently capacious for his genial V. P.

THE ELECTION OF DR. DAVENPORT transpired as expected, but in the face of a determined opposition which makes his success all the more creditable to him, and gratifying to his friends, the College. Aside from our peculiar pride that one of the most brilliant men in all the illustrious role of Hamilton Faculty annals should have received this recognition of his worth, it is a profound satisfaction to every enlightened citizen when a man of unusual intelligence and integrity, who has *not* been trained for the political game in the classical manner of loyal occupation, and by truckling to the Powers of the Machine, succeeds in achieveing political eminence thru sheer force of merit. No one can doubt but that Dr. Davenport will ultimately go farther than the State Senate; just how far is largely a question of time and opportunity.

For the present, his plans with relation to the College are not fully determined, but he has promised to make them public to the student-body thru LIFE, in the earliest possible issue. Meanwhile we trust that he may find it possible to adhere to the intention of keeping up his courses; we should be inestimably poorer without them, and his new experience will render the work in Political Science of particular value. LIFE voices the congratulation of the College to Senator Davenport.

NOW THAT COASTING HAS BEGUN, a warning to the Freshmen, which may be entirely unnecessary, might be in order. It is customary on the Hill to leave a sled, after drawing it up the Hill, at any place on the Campus which happens to be convenient. Naturally one expects to find it there, when he is ready to go down. It is a matter of great inconvenience at times to be obliged to walk down the Hill.

In other words, do not appropriate sleds on the Campus to which you have no right. It should not be necessary to pad-lock a sled, every time one leaves it, in order to be sure of having it. In fact, it is one of the unwritten laws on this Hill, to draw up your own sled, and not use those of others.

If the Freshmen look at this matter in its proper light, and realize to some extent, at least, the rights of others, there certainly will be no trouble. LIFE hopes that everyone will take heed of this, perhaps premature, warning, and avoid trouble for both themselves and others.

DR. STRYKER CONVALESCENT

LIFE is glad to announce that the condition of Dr. Stryker is very much improved. At present he is sitting up for a short time each day, and has received social calls. A. C. Soper, '67, called on him during his recent visit on the Hill.

Notwithstanding, however, this gratifying improvement, it will undoubtedly be some weeks before our executive will be able to be with us again. He will go to Faxton Hospital, in Utica,

to recuperate his strength. Mrs. Stryker is now convalescing there. Dr. Stryker will be unable to take charge of any classes until December.

The report of the probability of the President's rapid recovery will be heard by the College body with great pleasure. LIFE, as the organ of the College body, extends its best wishes to Dr. Stryker.

HAMILTON TIES UNION

On Saturday, October 31, Union University tied Hamilton in a Dual Cross-Country Run. The eight runners started at the Yahnundahsis Club House at 3:10 and the winner, Travis, of Union, broke the tape in front of the Clinton House 27 minutes and 35 seconds later. The course, slightly over 4½ miles, was for the most part up hill, and as the runners faced a strong wind, the time was excellent. The runners were well bunched up to the last mile, when Travis and Abbott, '10, took the lead, Abbott losing to the Union runner by ten yards after a game sprint. Knox, '10, succeeded in passing Convard in the last few yards and secured third place. The other runners finished in the following order: Finch, of (Union). Renwick, '10. Ottaway, '12. Rupuch, (Union). Each man received as many points as he defeated runners, which made the score, Union, 14. Hamilton, 14. Ribbons were awarded to the first four runners. The officials were; Acting Referee of course; Mr. Sherrill Sherman, of Finish; Professor Lewis Mr. Crossley, Captain Ranken, of Union, Butler, '09, Timer, Spencer, '09, Martin, '11; Inspector, Gaige, '11.

On November 11, the team will meet Colgate University, at Hamilton.

Y. M. C. A.

The afternoon meeting will be given to the Report of the Columbus Bible Conference. Mr. McNair, our delegate, is optimistic and enthusiastic over our own outlook here in Hamilton. Let us give him our support by attending the meeting.

The classes on in "Comparative Religions" and the "Life of Christ" will meet at their scheduled hour, 3:00 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

COLGATE!

The outlook is brightening for the Colgate game next Saturday. The team down the valley (owing to the comparative severity of their schedule) is not in as good physical shape as Hamilton's. Nor will today's game with Syracuse help them any in this regard. We, however, as the Rutgers game showed conclusively, are on a high wave of improvement. Our many and intricate plays are just now reaching full development and should tell on Colgate next Saturday. Colgate has been forced to change coaches which is another point in our favor, as is the absence of Keegan from their line up.

The management has at last succeeded in securing shortened halves for the Colgate game—thirty minutes instead of thirty-five, as heretofore. Colgate will be here in a body of two hundred and fifty and will probably bring a band. Last year the College had a band at Hamilton, and LIFE suggests that a repetition on Saturday would be advisable. Can't some class step to the front and donate one?

—John Clark Dean, '05, has gone to China as a missionary. He expects to remain seven years.

—Isaac E. Stiles, '05, was recently married to Miss Louisa Garlick, of New York City. Mr. Stiles is at present with the Western Electric Company, of New York, and wil reside in New York.

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HILL NOTES

—Dr. Ibbotson preached in Chapel on Sunday.

—Bulkley has been added to the Freshman Class.

—Parry, '11, has gone home on account of illness.

—Bernard, '12, has been added to the Instrumental Club.

—Job-Lots Football has been taken up among the Freshmen.

—Only three more days of side-line attendance. Everybody out!

—Freshman examinations for delinquents took place Wednesday.

—The French Club met Thursday evening at the home of Prof. Shepard.

—Thompson and Heidenreich, '12, are out for Assistant Managership of Track.

—Dr. Fitch was compelled to cut his classes last week owing to trouble with his eyes.

—Rifenbark, '09, has assumed the charge of a class of boys in Grace Church, Utica.

—A number of the Juniors enjoyed a Theatre Party at the Shubert, Tuesday evening.

—The Psi of Psi Upsilon will give an informal on Monday evening, November ninth.

—Prof. Lewis, in the absence of Dr. Stryker, has assumed the leadership of the College Choir.

—Morning Chapel exercises have been conducted by Dr. Squires, and once by Dr. Wood.

—Adams, '12, has nearly recovered from his illness, and will be back in College next week.

—Cross-country running was practiced on Thursday afternoon, in spite of blustery weather.

—Bryant, '09, was absent several days last week in Chicago as delegate to the Sigma Phi Convention.

—It has been noticed that Prof. Lewis is very thoro in his work in oratory. There are very few orations that are not rewritten.

—Mr. deRegt and Peter were up early in the morning on Sunday to clear away the reminders of the Hallowe'en celebration.

—The Freshman Class set-up are posted. They can be obtained at Van Slyke's at any time within ten days from last Wednesday.

—"Dick" Drummond, '01, "Nelse" Drummond, '02, and "Jess" Millham, '01, expect to be down next week to assist in rounding the team out for the Colgate game.

—The Varsity Quartette has been picked, and for the present will consist of: Hastings, '10, 1st tenor; Gouge, '11, 2nd tenor; Sarles, '10, 1st bass; Allen, '11, 2nd bass. They are working hard, with four rehearsals a week, and promise to produce a repertoire of entirely new selections.

—Among the graduates at the Rutgers game were: Engs, '78, Bristol, '82, MacGregor, '98, Evans, '04, A. S. Davis, '04, Brandt, '04, Weber, Springstead and Thompson, '05, Benedict and Thompson, '06, Newton and Love, '07, Scott, ex-'07, Anibal, W. F. Jones, Pratt, Judson and Weekes, '08.

POLITICS AND HAMILTON

Once more has Hamilton come to her own, and this time in the impressive arena of National and Local Politics. Sherman, '78,—"Jim" Sherman, as his younger brothers love to call him—leads the procession with his influential post in the overwhelming Republican victory. He falls up-hill, as we may say from the stress and strain of the House Steering Committee, into the courteous and sleepy Senate, but we wish him well, and expect to hear great things from him.

Turning from Washington to Kings County, we find that the Hon. Abel E. Blackmar, '74, has been elected Supreme Court Justice. So far, we may claim representatives in the Executive and Judiciary departments, and with the election of Professor Frederick Morgan Davenport to the State Senate by a good majority, our representation is rounded out by the addition of the Legislative branch. 'Davy' has enough go and push to be a college athlete, and if he does not make himself felt in the State Senate, it will be because these qualities no longer count. With his splendid gift for forceful off-hand speech, it will surprise us to see him stop at the State Senate.

Life's returns have so far not been very complete, and so we have been unable to find out how "Eb." Hoyt, '07, came out with his run for School Commissioner. G. B. Smith, '08, lost by a narrow margin, probably because it was a bad year for Democrats. Tennant, '04, was unsuccessful for the same reason. But Warren I. Lee, '99, was re-elected to the Assembly by a handsome majority, just to show what Hamilton can do.

All this is highly gratifying. It demonstrates that Hamilton men are not afraid to go into politics lest they be soiled, but that when they enter politics, it helps to purify the conditions. And it shows that they can succeed; that Mandeville was right; and that "Hamilton Oratory" is a living force.

SIGMA PHI INFORMAL

The Beta of Sigma Phi gave an informal dance, Wednesday evening, November 4th. The recently installed electric lights were used in the Hall for the first time. These were very effectively adorned with Japanese lanterns. The patronesses were: Mrs. Rogers and Miss Moore, of Clinton; Mrs. Judson, of Vernon; and Mrs. Smyth, of Utica. The guests were: Miss Caldwell and Miss Stryker, of Clinton; Miss Bagg, Miss Baker, Miss Bellinger, Miss Devereaux, Miss Johnston and Miss Winant, of Utica; Miss Ogden, of New Hartford; Miss Taft, of Smith College; Miss Bailey, of Oneida; Miss Judson, of Vernon; Messrs. Charles B. Rogers, '87, Goss Stryker, '01, Judson, '08, and Messrs. Bradford and Lyman, of the University of Vermont. The dance was concluded by several cotillon figures, led by Miss Devereaux and Mr. Smyth.

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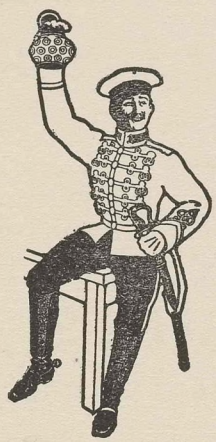

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